

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction of the above-identified application to one of the following inventions 35 U.S.C. 121.

- Group I: Claims 1-10, 25-30, drawn to at least one wear sensor comprising a conductive loop, wear surface and continuity detector, classified in class 73, subclass 86.
- Group II: Claims 11-24, drawn to a wear sensor comprising a conductive loop, a substrate, a wear surface and a continuity detector, classified in class 73, subclass 7.
- Group III: Claims 31-55, drawn to lifter comprising a wear surface, and a sensor comprising a loop and a continuity detector, classified in class 73, subclass 7.
- Group IV: Claims 56-80, drawn to a method for detecting component wear, using a cavity and a sensor comprising a loop and a continuity detector, classified in class 29, subclass 401.1

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, Applicant wishes to elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II and identifies claims 11 through 24 as encompassing the claimed invention.

In accordance with this election without traverse, Applicant reserves all rights in the non-elected claims, including the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter thereof.

No fee is believed to be required to enter this response. However, should a fee be necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 07-1742.

Respectfully submitted,

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